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Lebanon

Military Situation--Citing foreign sources, the Tel Aviv daily MA'ARIV reported that Syria has now placed in Lebanon a battery of SAM-2 missiles that have a greater range than the SAM-6 missiles it was earlier reported to have deployed there. A 2 May Jerusalem television report claimed that Syrian forces have repaired the roads between Zahlah and Sannin, which will allow them to link up with their forces in the central mountain area and control the mountain ridge. According to AFP, the Syrians have also reinforced their positions on the Al-Biqa' plain. According to Beirut radio, Israeli and Christian forces shelled Ash-Shaqif and Arnun, near An-Nabatiyah, on 2 May. Both the clandestine Voice of Palestine and the Voice of Lebanon reported heavy artillery shelling on 3 May and the Voice of Palestine said artillery exchanges resumed the next morning. MA'ARIV reported that all parties involved in the fighting in southern Lebanon have agreed to observe a cease-fire as of midnight 4 May.

According to reports by Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radios, Beirut was relatively quiet over the weekend, although intermittent gunfire was heard. However, the Voice of Lebanon said that Syrian and Palestinian forces began shelling various areas of Beirut on the night of 3 May. Beirut radio said the city was calm by morning.

Israeli Officials Comment--Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has said that U.S. efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis through contacts with Syrqia have not yet made any progress. In a 3 May statement to Jerusalem radio's English service, Begin reiterated that Israel wants a peaceful solution in Lebanon. While declaring that the Syrian forces in Lebanon should have left "long ago," Begin pointed out that Israel has never promised to use its army to throw them out. Asked if the presence of Syrian missiles in Lebanon has been confirmed, Begin replied that Israel is still checking, but that the missiles are "probably" there. Jerusalem radio later said Begin has told TIME magazine that while the current situation is dangerous, there is no risk of a "general confrontation" between Israel and Syria.

During a 1 May interview with Jerusalem television, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir said Israel would be willing to reach an agreement on the situation in Lebanon on the condition that the agreement meets Israeli "expectations," which he defined as an end to Syria's take-over of control in Lebanon and an end to Syrian attempts to liquidate the Lebanese Christians. He sees no chance, however, of such an agreement at the moment, he added.

After meeting with Prime Minister Begin on 3 May to discuss the situation in Lebanon, opposition Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres told Jerusalem radio's English service that he agrees with the government that the Syrian missiles in Lebanon pose a danger to Israel's security and that Israel is entitled to take any measures necessary to have them removed, including military measures. On the other hand, IDF radio reported that the opposition disagrees with the government's view that the Christians in Lebanon face liquidation and therefore feels that Israel should help them "help themselves" rather than intervene directly.

Syrian-Libyan-Palestinian Talks--Brig Gen Abu Bakr Yunis Jabir, commander in chief of the Libyan Armed Forces, and Dr 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam at-Turayki, Libyan secretary of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, visited Damascus on 1 and 2 May to discuss the situation in Lebanon, according to reports by the Voice of Palestine and Damascus radios. The radios reported that they held several meetings with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad, the Syrian foreign and defense ministers and PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat during which, according to JANA, they discussed coordination among Libya, Syria, the Palestinians and the Lebanese National Movement in confronting the Lebanese crisis. The results of their talks were

not announced. KUNA reported that on 3 May At-Turayki arrived in Kuwait, where he told journalists that he would discuss the Lebanese situation with Kuwaiti officials.

As-Sadat Appeal--In a 2 May speech at a May Day celebration in Hulwan, broadcast live by Cairo radio, Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat called for the Arab nations to put aside their differences and make a united effort to resolve the Lebanese crisis. He called Israel's recent military intervention in Lebanon an "extremely serious matter" but said that Israel was led to it by Syrian actions, the "negative Arab attitude," the Lebanese leaders and all other Arabs. The situation in Lebanon, he added, reflects Arab fragmentation and the disputes among its leaders at the expense of the Arab cause.

Jordanian-Palestinian Relations

Citing a Palestinian spokesman in Damascus, AFP reported that a Palestinian guerrilla was killed by Jordanian soldiers last week as his unit tried to cross into Israeli-occupied territory from Jordan.

Gulf Affairs

In a statement to the Kuwaiti press, reported by KUNA, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad as-Sabah, stated that Omani Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'id has promised to cancel the military facilities granted to the United States when his conflict with the PDRY is resolved. Shaykh as-Sabah said that during his trip to the Soviet Union last month he had asked Soviet officials to help ease tension between the PDRY and Oman since it has special relations with the PDRY. Shaykh as-Sabah also revealed that he had failed to win Soviet support for the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council despite the fact that he had explained that it is not directed against any specific party but is meant to keep the region free of military alliances and protect it from foreign threats.

Saudi-YAR Relations

In an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper AR-RA'Y AL-'AM, reported by KUNA, YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih denied recent reports of clashes between Saudi and YAR forces along their border. He added that his country has good relations with Saudi Arabia.

Libya

A joint communique issued after Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's official visit to Yugoslavia, carried by JANA, said that during Al-Qadhdhafi's talks with Yugoslav leaders the two sides agreed that Middle East peace can be achieved only if Israel withdraws from the occupied territories and the Palestinians are allowed to return to their "homeland" and establish an independent state on their territory. They stated their willingness to support any international action taken by the Arab countries to resolve the Lebanese crisis and expressed concern over attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of the Gulf states, including the use of the Rapid Deployment Force. They stressed the importance of a political solution in Afghanistan that would ensure Afghanistan's nonalignment and its people's right to self-determination. The two sides also signed the minutes of an agreement on economic, scientific and technical cooperation. Tripoli radio reported that Al-Qadhdhafi returned to Libya on 1 May.

Iran

May Day Clashes--Tehran radio reported that a clash occurred on 1 May in Tehran between members of the leftist Fedai'yan-e Khalq and supporters of the Islamic Republic. Security forces used tear gas and fired warning shots to break up the clash, and some Fedai'yan-e Khalq members were arrested. According to AFP, several dozen people were injured in the clash, during which members of the Hezbollah (Party of God) threw stones at the leftists. The clandestine Voice of Iran radio claimed at least six people were killed. The clandestine

Radio Iran also reported that antigovernment demonstrations and clashes with revolution guards took place in Mashhad, Tabriz and Shiraz on 1 May.

Dispute Over Bani-Sadr's Power--Citing a letter to the prime minister's office from the Council of Guardians, Tehran radio reported that the council has stated that President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr did not have the right as commander in chief of the armed forces to appoint a chief of the state police. The radio said the ruling came in response to a question by the prime minister.

Complaints Against Newspapers--Citing the newspaper JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI, AFP reported that Prosecutor General 'Ali Qoddusi has lodged complaints against the dailies ENQELAB-E ESLAMI and MIZAN. He accused the former of weakening revolutionary organs and asked the three-man committee investigating differences among Iran's leaders to conduct an inquiry. He accused MIZAN of publishing a false report about an alleged insult by a revolutionary guard to 'Abbas Amir Entezam, a member of former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's government.

Bill Deferred--Tehran radio reported that the Majlis approved in "broad terms" a bill on recovering the wealth of the deceased shah and his relatives but decided to suspend action on it for a month. According to AFP, the bill was withdrawn because of a dispute over the use of the word "nationalization." It said some Majlis deputies argued that the measures stipulated in the bill amounted to "restitution" of property always owned by the people, rather than "nationalization," and they removed the word from the text of the bill.

Ship Seized--PARS reported that a U.S.-owned seismographic research ship leased by a Kuwaiti oil company was seized by the Iranian Navy on 1 May and taken to Bushehr.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Tehran radio reports over the weekend highlighted action in the Dezful region, during which, the radio claimed, Iranian forces captured a "sensitive area" and later repulsed Iraqi efforts to retake it. The radio also claimed that Iranian forces shot down two Iraqi MiG's in the Kermanshah area and one in the western region. According to the radio, Iraqi shelling of Abadan, Ahvaz and Dezful continued, while the Iranian Air Force bombed Iraqi positions on the Qasr-e Shirin fronts.

Citing an official source, INA denied that two Iraqi aircraft were downed near Kermanshah. Instead, it said, two Iranian planes were downed by Iraqi antiaircraft fire. Iraqi General Command communiques, broadcast by Baghdad radio, confirmed the intensified fighting in the Dezful area, claiming that more than 350 Iranians were killed over the weekend. They also reported that fighting continued in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region and that an Iranian Phantom was downed during a dogfight over the region.

Kurdish Situation

A 28 April statement by the Democratic Party of Kurdistan (DPK) Political Bureau, broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan, accused the Kurdistan National Union of sowing sedition and sabotaging the unity of the Kurdish anti-Iraqi forces. It said the Kurdistan National Union attacked DPK peshmerga twice in April and warned that the DPK will no longer tolerate such acts. The statement denounced the Kurdistan National Union as the main obstacle to the formation of a democratic national and patriotic front in Iraq.

Afghanistan

Kabul radio reported that a bomb exploded at the Kabul University engineering department on 2 May, injuring two people.

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KABUL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DENOUNCE 2 MAY BOMBING

LD031950 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] In a mass rally today, the lecturers and students of Kabul University condemned the traitorous and brazen acts of the enemies of the revolution. They expressed deep hatred and indignation at the servants of imperialism and reaction who caused the injury of an innocent lecturer and student by exploding a bomb in the engineering faculty of Kabul University.

Sarwar Mangal, deputy minister of higher education, Rector of Kabul University Engineer 'Azizorrahman Sai'idi, chiefs of the departments of various faculties, lecturers and thousands of students attended the rally.

The rally shouted slogans such as "Down with murderers!" "Down with terrorists!" "Down with intimidators!" "Death to the servants and mercenaries of imperialism and reaction!" "Victory to the Sawr Revolution and its new stage!" "Long live the PDPA, the party of the working class and all the toilers of the country!" "Forward toward the defense of the revolution!" "Forward toward the realization and implementation of the achievements of the revolution!"

At the beginning of the rally, a Kabul University law lecturer condemned the traitorous actions and subersive activities of the enemies of the revolution, in particular at cultural and educational centers, saying: Universities and other educational institutions are the centers of education and culture and are always respected by people; they are where thousands of the workers, children acquire knowledge and learning. Aggression, terrorism, intimidation and arson in cultural and educational centers are deemed a great crime. Lecturers and students severely condemn the traitorous actions of these criminals, who have embarked on subversion and conspiracy in this center of education and knowledge.

Then two students of Kabul University spoke on behalf of the other students, saying: The great successes of the Sawr Revolution and the lofty victories of the toiling Afghan people have confused the enemies of the Sawr Revolution. This is why these sworn enemies of the toiling Afghan people make vain efforts to embark on the most shameful and most foul inhumane actions; drown innocent people in blood, destroy educational centers; and throw stones in the path of the humane aspirations of the revolution, which is striving forward like a roaring flood. They added: The PDPA and our revolutionary government will struggle against and resist the enemies of the free Afghan people with all their power and will consistently deal a shattering blow to the mercenaries of imperialism and reaction, who are exported from abroad to our country to carry out their criminal actions.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at the end of the rally a resolution of the students of Kabul University, which was adopted by thousands of students on the occasion of revolution and the homeland, was read by a student. This was supported and affirmed by the students amid revolutionary slogans.

Here is the resolution, which condemns the intimidating actions of the enemies of the homeland and revolution:

The glorious Sawr Revolution, which is the beginning of deep and basic changes in the social, economic, political and cultural spheres of our society, has infuriated the sworn enemies of humanity. International imperialism--led by blood-thirsty U.S. imperialism and its leftist collaborators, the Chinese expansionist hegemonists, which as a result of its terror and inhumane actions in the world has met with harm in one continent and another--spares no conspiracy and intrigue against the progress- and peace-loving people of Afghanistan. It embarks shamelessly on terror and murder, sets fire to religious, educational, cultural and health centers, and opposes the revolution, which the broad masses of our people support and defend.

The explosion of a bomb in the engineering faculty of Kabul University on 2 May once again indicated to the mass of students the treacherous actions of these uncivilized enemies of mankind, education and culture. The bomb, which injured one student and one lecturer and also demolished a part of this center of education and culture, not only did not frighten us but convinced us more than ever that our enemies are more savage than the animals of the jungle and are more uncivilized than the executioners of history.

We, Kabul University students, while condemning all terrorist and murderous actions of these traitors against the homeland and revolution, have resolved that:

Intimidation, terror and murder are the actions of imperialists and their mercenaries, whom we are ready to resist with all our might. We deem these actions to be directed against the security of this educational center and we hate those who committed them.

We warn imperialists and their criminal mercenaries that they cannot encroach any further on the right of the Afghan young people to acquire education and knowledge.

We are ready to defend at the cost of our lives the environment and academic order in Kabul University, and to cut off the enemy's hands, which are stained with the blood of thousands of our courageous compatriots, from every inch of our sacred soil with the weapon of knowledge and awareness.

We, students of Kabul University, together with all patriots are standing shoulder to shoulder with the broad masses of our people to defend the Afghan national sovereignty and territorial integrity. We are striving forward under the PDPA's leadership in the relentless struggle for the total elimination of counterrevolution.

Shame and hatred to the criminal mercenaries of imperialism!

Death to imperialism, this criminal enemy of peace and mankind!

Long live Afghanistan!

Victory to the PDPA!

PDPA APPEALS FOR UNITY IN MAY DAY MESSAGE

LD012006 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 1 May 81

[PDPA Central Committee message on 1 May]

[Text] Noble and toiling Muslim workers of Afghanistan: All the workers and progressive forces of the world celebrate May Day as a traditional day for celebrating the struggles against imperialism for the sake of peace, independence, democracy, progress and real social justice and as a day of militant solidarity.

The noble and toiling strugglers of heroic and honorable Afghanistan, who on 27 April celebrated the third proud anniversary of their revolution together with the international working class and all toilers of the world, are celebrating this proud day. In these proud days, the country's workers are once again intensifying their loyalty to the objectives of the revolution and to the people's revolutionary gains, and they express their resolute support for the total elimination of the wicked vestiges of backwardness, oppression and exploitation.

By its active participation in celebrating the tradition of May Day, the PDPA, the party of the country's workers and working class, is celebrating this day in a year when the people's power is daily being consolidated in the country and when steady steps are being taken toward realizing the lofty objectives of the workers and working class.

On the occasion of this celebration of international solidarity, the PDPA Central Committee cordially greets all workers of our united country, Afghanistan, and calls upon all national and patriotic forces of our beloved and proud country to close still more their united ranks around the PDPA and the DRA and to assume a prominent and comprehensive role in the National Fatherland Front and in building a new society in our sacred country and in this part of the world for the sake of security and lasting peace and to eliminate completely the counterrevolutionary bands.

Workers, peasants, artisans, intellectuals and all noble and Muslim toilers of the country: Take an active part in the social transformations to enhance the country's economy, achieve practical and more democratic measures, and improve the work of departments, institutions and all economic units.

On this glorious day, the PDPA Central Committee greets the trade unions of Afghanistan, the agricultural cooperatives, the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan, the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan, unions of intellectuals and original thinkers and all patriotic members of the social organizations. It is sure that they will seriously work to train the workers and will struggle for the bright future of the Afgan people with a lofty sense of freedom and discipline, thus forming the assured foundations of the party with the people.

On the occasion of this day, we once again inform the representatives of the country's clergy that the DRA respects and adheres to the sacred religion of Islam. We ask them to cooperate with the government and people when making their worthwhile speeches on socioeconomic changes and in the struggle for justice in the country and against internal and external counterrevolutionary elements.

Long live friendship, fraternity and unity among all the people, who are the proud guarantor of our territorial integrity and of the freedom of our beloved country:

Patriotic and progressive forces of the country: Unite around the PDPA and join the great National Fatherland Front for the sake of the prosperity and development of your proud country, Afghanistan.

Long live the solidarity of the people of Afghanistan with all the workers of the world! Strengthen even more and irrevocable friendship of the Afghan people with the people of the USSR, all socialist countries and all who are struggling for the sake of peace, national independence, freedom, democracy and social progress!

Happy May Day, the international day of workers solidarity!

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, secretary general of the PDPA Central Committee, chairman of Revolution Council and DRA prime minister

PDPA May Day Slogans

LD011008 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1630 GMT 30 Apr 81

[PDPA Central Committee May Day Slogans]

[Text] Happy be the 1 May festival of international solidarity with all the world's workers.

Victory to the festival of 1 May, the festival of the struggle and fight of the international working class for peace, freedom and social progress.

The unity of the Afghan working class and all workers is a necessary condition for the final victory of the Sawr Revolution and its new stage.

Down with U.S. imperialism, this enemy of the world's workers and working people.

Workers of the country, further consolidate your ranks for building a new society.

Heroic and proud workers of the homeland, congratulations to you on your day of solidarity.

Happy be the 1 May festival of the workers international solidarity.

Struggling and heroic workers of Afghanistan, the strength of your friendship with the workers of socialist countries, headed by the USSR, is the guarantor of the victory of your revolution.

Long live the struggling solidarity of the struggling organs of the world working class!

Long live the PDPA, the party of the rural working class and all toilers, this organizer of the Sawr Revolution and leading (?life) of our society. Let the unity of the party and people be strengthened.

Heroic workers of the homeland, wage a struggle toward the construction of a developed, prosperous and progressive society that is free of all oppression and exploitation through realizing the aspirations of the working class in implementing the PDPA program. Crush the last bastions of the enemies of the revolution. Close ranks with the PDPA.

Strugglers of the DRA trade unions, wage a firm struggle in implementing the resolution of your own congress. Use production resources beneficially and effectively. Raise the production level by consistent and constructive work. Work toward improving working conditions. Long live the DRA trade unions!

Workers of revolutionary Afghanistan, further strengthen your unity with the people of the world for freedom, national independence and social progress and for the struggle against imperialism, chauvinism, colonialism and apartheid.

Long live and progressive be our beloved homeland, the DRA!

Workers of Afghanistan, wide your struggling ranks allround. Increase your productive and social activity in the interest of the people. Long live the Afghan trade unions.

Away with the blood-stained hand of U.S. imperialism and its criminal servants from revolutionary Afghanistan.

Victory to the peace-loving foreign policy of revolutionary Afghanistan.

Hoist the banner of the struggling people of the world, who struggle against imperialism, reaction and fascism and for peace, freedom, independence, democracy and social progress.

Victory to the working class and all workers throughout the world who struggle against colonialism and for peace, democracy and social progress.

Long live the National Fatherland Front, this strong organization of all patriotic and democratic forces of our revolutionary homeland, free and proud Afghanistan.

Free people, your solidarity and unity with each other and brother nations and tribes is a shattering blow to the conspiracies of counterrevolution and their imperialist criminal accomplices.

Free people of Afghanistan. you are the builders of the (?society) of the Sawr Revolution and its new stage. Unite in the struggling ranks of the National Fatherland Front for realizing its aspirations.

Nur, Ziray Attend Meeting

LD012318 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 1 May 81

[Excerpt] Today, 1 May, is the international day of solidarity of the world's workers. The Central Council of Afghan Trade Unions marked this honorable and historic day with a meeting in the Kabul-(Nendari) hall. The meeting was attended by Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray and Nur Ahmad Nur, members of the PDPA Politburo, secretaries of the PDPA Central Committee and members of the Revolution Council Presidium; Dastagir Panjshiri, member of the PDPA Politburo, the party Central Committee and the Revolution Council; members of the PDPA Central Committee' members of the Revolution Council Presidium; members of the Revolution Council and Council of Ministers; high-ranking civil and military personnel; party cadres; the head and members of the Central Council of Trade Unions; the Democratic Youth Organization and the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan; ambassadors of the friendly countries in Kabul; and representatives of workers and industrial guilds. At the beginning of this glorious meeting a few verses of the holy Koran were read and then [word indistinct] was sung by young workers, which attracted the attention of the audience.

RATEBZAD ON TALKS, SOVIET FORCES, OPPOSITION

LD022010 Prague CTK in English 1700 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] Kabul, 2 May (CTK)--The most urgent task of the party, government, all organizations and people of Afghanistan is the defence of independence and sovereignty of the country, still more resolute struggle against foreign aggression and counterrevolution, Anahita Ratebzad has said here. In an interview for a group of foreign journalists, member of the Afghan People's Democratic Party Political Bureau, chairman of the Democratic Organization of Afghan Women and of the Afghan Committee of Peace and Solidarity stressed that Afghanistan has proposed talks with Iran and Pakistan and is still convinced that differences with these two countries must be solved by political means. She stated that the limited contingent of Soviet forces in Afghanistan is necessary for the defence of the country against external aggression. Until peace is ensured on Afghan borders, Afghanistan cannot ask the Soviet Union to withdraw its forces, Anahita Ratebzad said and added that the Soviet Union has always helped Afghanistan and that without its fraternal aid Afghanistan would not be an independent country at present. Anahita Ratebzad pointed to the formation of a wide national patriotic front which will include all organizations which held their congresses and conference in the past few months. She stressed that Afghan believers are neither against the government of Barbak Karmal nor against the present policy of Afghanistan. Only a very small reactionary group of religious representatives is in opposition against the government. The national bourgeoisie is stage by stage joining the economic development of the country, Anahita Ratebzad said and added that an economic consultative council has been established in which also the private sector is represented.

CORRECTION TO KARMAL REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY SPEECH

The following correction to the item entitled "Karmal Sawr Revolution Anniversary Address," published in the 1 May South Asia DAILY REPORT, page C 1, was supplied by Kabul BAKHTAR in English at 0424 GMT on 3 May in a service message:

Page C 3, paragraph three, line two reads ... prime minister should be appointed chairman of the Council of Ministers and a change should be brought in the government apparatus to serve as the real servant of the toiling people of Afghanistan....

ZIAUR RAHMAN LEAVES FOR VISIT TO SYRIA, FRG

BK030834 Dacca Overseas Service in English 0445 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] President Ziaur Rahman left Dacca this morning for Damascus on the first leg of his 7-day visit to Syria and the Federal Republic of Germany. He is accompanied by Begum Zia. The presidential entourage also includes Foreign Minister Prof Shamsul Haq, Adviser to President Dr M.N. Huda and the consultant to the president, Daud Khan Majlis.

The president's official visit is taking place at the invitation of President Hafiz al-Asad and Madam al-Asad. (?The state visit) to the FRG is at the invitation of President Karl Carstens and Madam Carstens and will begin on Monday next.

This will be the first visit of President Zia to Syria and the first state visit to a major European country.

During the visit, President Zia will hold talks with his Syrian and West German counterparts on bilateral, regional and international issues.

[For reportage on the visit to Syria by President Ziaur Rahman, see the Syria section on the 4 May Middle East & North Africa DAILY REPORT, and subsequent issues.]

FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMSUL HAQ TO VISIT ALGERIA 9 MAY

BK021722 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] Foreign Minister Prof Shamsul Haq is to pay a 3-day official visit to Algeria from the 9th of this month. During his visit he will hold talks with the Algerian foreign minister on matters of bilateral interest and various regional and international issues.

Professor Haq will also call on the Algerian president.

RAO, BHUTANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HOLD TALKS

BK020934 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 0902 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] Steps concerning greater economic cooperation between India and Bhutan were discussed in New Delhi on 1 May by External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimhu Rao and visiting Foreign Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Dawa Tshering. One of the main subjects was India's contribution to Bhutan's development plan for 1981-86 for which it was proposed an outlay of 2.74 billion rupees. India has been an important contributor to Bhutan's plans and will maintain the same level of contribution. India contributed over 700 million rupees to Bhutan's 880 million rupees fourth plan. The talks also covered assistance for the 1.5 billion rupees Chukka Hydel project, the Penden cement plant and the lift irrigation project Galafu. Bhutan is planning to set up a 20 kw shortwave broadcasting transmitter and this too figured in the talks. Technical details of a likely civil aviation agreement were also discussed.

AIR INDIA EMPLOYEES REMANDED TO POLICE CUSTODY

BK011321 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] The three Air India employees and a former technician of the airlines who were arrested in Bombay yesterday in connection with the attempted sabotage to Air India's Boeing Makalu were remanded today to 14 days police custody by a metropolitan magistrate of Bombay. Earlier, the counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation [CBI] told the court that there are suspicions of a foreign hand behind the sabotage. Describing the attempt as a deep-rooted conspiracy, the counsel pleaded that the arrested persons should be remanded to the police custody to help the CBI to nab coconspirators and thus find the missing links.

HOME MINISTER DISCUSSES SECURITY FOR GANDHI

BK040917 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 4 May 81

[Excerpt] Home Minister Zail Singh assured the Lok Sabha today that the security for the prime minister is being tightened and every effort made to ensure her safety. He was replying to a calling-attention motion on the suspected sabotage of the Air Indian Boeing Makalu raised by Ram Vilas Paswan, Lok Dal, and others. Denying the charge that the government is trying to link up the sabotage effort with the prime minister's visit to abroad to divert the attention of the people from domestic problems, the home minister asserted that the attempt cannot be separated from Mrs Gandhi's foreign trip. The aircraft Makalu was earmarked for the use of the prime minister for her foreign visit. The plane was to fly for about 80 hours before the prime minister's departure tomorrow. It was the experts' view that the pilot will be unable to control the aircraft once the cable snapped.

Zail Singh said in these technical matters, it would not be wise to go by what the newspapers write. He agreed with a member that some people are trying to create confusion for political purposes and their attempts will be curbed.

VAJPAYEE CRITICIZES U.S. OVER TARAPUR DECISION

BK021611 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] Bharatiya Janata Party President Atal Bihari Vajpayee strongly criticized America's decision to abrogate unilaterally the Tarapur fuel supply agreement, and said it would be immoral on its part to do so. Addressing a press conference in Jaipur today, he alleged that a climate has been created in the country for imposing what he called emergency measures.

HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES 3 MAY

BK031036 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] Hungarian Deputy Foreign Minister Vencel Hazi arrived in Islamabad this morning on a 6-day official visit to Pakistan. He was received at the airport by Foreign Secretary Riaz Piracha and senior officials of the Foreign Office.

The Hungarian deputy foreign minister is to have talks with the foreign secretary this afternoon as part of regular bilateral consultations between the two countries.

Talks With Piracha

BK031538 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] The first round of talks between Hungarian Deputy Foreign Minister Dr Vencel Hazi and Foreign Secretary Riaz Piracha was held in Islamabad today. The Hungarian deputy foreign minister arrived in Islamabad this morning on a 6-day visit to Pakistan.

During the talks, which lasted for about 2 hours, views were exchanged on matters of mutual interest. The Hungarian ambassador to Pakistan and the chief of the South Asia Department of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry assisted the Hungarian deputy foreign minister during the talks while the Pakistani foreign secretary was assisted by the additional foreign secretary and the director general of the Foreign Ministry.

The talks between the Hungarian deputy foreign minister and the Pakistani foreign secretary are part of regular consultations between both countries.

Dr Vencel Hazi called on Foreign Secretary General S. Shahnawaz in Islamabad today and stayed with him for about an hour.

Dr Hazi is to meet with the ministers of trade and culture tomorrow.

He will also visit Lahore, Karachi and Tarbela.

AGHA SHAHI LEAVES FOR UN MEETING ON DISARMAMENT

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[Text] The foreign minister left Islamabad yesterday for New York to attend a meeting of the UN disarmament board. He is the president of the board.

ZIAUL HAQ ON GOVERNMENT RESOLVE FOR ISLAMIZATION

BK031129 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 4 May 81

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said Nizam-e Islam can only be enforced in Pakistan by transforming and running the entire machinery of the government in accordance with the tenets of Islam. He was addressing the councillors, ulema and prominent citizens of Peshawar District at Shahibagh in Peshawar this afternoon.

He said: Since 1977, the government's endeavor is to lay the foundations of an Islamic system in the country to enable the future representatives of the people, who will be chosen on the basis of Islam, to build an edifice which no one could later demolish. He declared that he and his collegues are determined to continue to serve the nation till such time an alternative system which is truly Islamic emerges in the country. He said during the last 4 years they have been running the affairs of the country in the cause of Islam with the wholehearted cooperation of the people. He said he was sure that this cooperation would continue till such time (?when we are) in a position to achieve the goal of Nizam-e Islam. He however said that only such pious persons should come forward to govern the country who have the total backing of the people because of their love for Islam and Pakistan's ideology.

U.S. SCIENTIFIC VESSEL SEIZED, MOVED TO BUSHEHR

LD040808 Tehran PARS in English 0735 GMT 4 May 81

["American Exploration Vessel Seized"--PARS headline]

[Text] Tehran, 4 May (PARS)--A Seismographic ship belonging to the Texas Western Geophysical Company, rented by the Kuwaiti oil company, was seized by an Iranian naval ship on Friday morning and was moved to Bushehr port.

Kuwaiti Apology Sought

NC041111 Paris AFP in English 1049 GMT 4 May 81

[Text] Tehran, 4 May (AFP)--The research ship Western Sea, seized yesterday by Iran, will not be returned without an apology from Kuwait, which had chartered the vessel, for the violation of Iranian territorial waters, prime ministerial adviser Mohammad Hashemi-Rafsanjani said today.

In a statement published in the newspaper KEYHAN Mr Rafsanjani said that the ship, which is owned by the Western Geophysical Company but flies the Panamanian flag and has a mainly British crew, had been boarded by men from an Iranian warship after twice refusing to leave Iranian waters.

The statement added that the crew of 18 was being held in the Gulf port of Bushehr, where the ship had been taken, and the Kuwait ambassador in Tehran had been summoned by the Iranian Government.

IRAN OBJECTS TO U.S. INTERNATIONAL PANEL MEMBER

GF011315 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has objected to the appointment of (Malcolm Chad Wilkin) as a member of the three U.S. representatives on the panel commissioned to study financial and legal disputes between Iran and the United States. This objection has been made because of (Wilkin's) continuous support of major multinational companies hostile to Third World countries and because of his affiliation with weathly U.S. capitalists.

COUNCIL RULES ON BANI-SADR APPOINTMENT POWERS

LD012257 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] According to article 110 of the Constitution, the commander of the armed forces is not justified in appointing the chief of state police, for the duties specified in this article for the commander of the armed forces do not cover making such an appointment.

The Central News Bureau reports that the Council of Guardians, in accordance with article 110 of the Constitution, does not consider the appointment of the chief of state police by the commander of the armed forces justified. In a telephone contact with the Central News Bureau the prime minister's Public Relations Office announced that, in reply to the prime minister's question concerning the appointment of the chief of state police by the president and commander in chief, the Council of Guardians sent the following letter to Mr Raja'i:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Mr Raja'i, the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Reference to letter No 21480 dated 15 April 1981. The question was raised at a meeting held by the Council of Guardians. The following is the council's view:

The appointment of the chief of state police by the commander of the armed forces is not justified by article 110 of the Constitution. The duties specified for the commander of the armed forces in this article do not cover making such an appointment.

[Signed] Lotfollah Safe, secretary of the Council of Guardians

BANI-SADR CHAIRS SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING

LD012215 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 1 May 81

[Excerpt] According to a PARS report, the Supreme Defense Council met this evening in Tehran under the chairmanship of Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the commander in chief, and with the participation of Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i; Khamene'i and Chamran, the imam's representatives on the Supreme Defense Council; Colonel Fakuri, minister of defense and commander of the air force; and Morteza Reza'i, commander of the revolution guards corps.

The report adds that the Defense Council exchanged views on the general situation on the war fronts and ways of confronting the enemy, following which certain decisions were made. At the conclusion of the meeting, Khamene'i, the council's secretary and spokesman, commented on the issues raised at the meeting, saying: The meeting devoted most of its time to reports from battlefronts. Fortunately, we did have some good reports. He added: latest report has it that our forces in the Dezful area, following an assault, succeeded in capturing enemy troops. They also killed 60 enemy troops, wounded others and destroyed enemy tanks and vehicles.

Meets With Commanders

GF031228 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, studied the general situation on the front with a number of army commanders during a meeting in Khuzestan last night. At the outset of the meeting, a report was reviewed on the recent operations of the armed forces that are defending the Islamic revolution in Iran. They also discussed the blows our heroes have dealt to the aggressive Iraqi forces, which have suffered heavy losses. The general situation on the war between right and wrong and the steps that must be taken to drive the enemy from our homeland and to purge it of his stain were also discussed.

TEHRAN REPORTS FURTHER ON WORKERS DAY ACTIVITIES

Workers March

LD011738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] On the occasion of Workers Day and in commemoration of the anniversary of the martyrdom of Prof Morteza Motahhari, throngs of committed, revolutionary workers and other groups early this morning [words indistinct] left their 10 march routes toward Enqelab Avenue and Tehran University. The workers [words indistinct] from production and industrial (?enterprises), cooperatives and from other worker units carried pictures of the imam of the Islamic nation and of the martyred Professor Motahhari. They chanted slogans extolling the leader of the revolution and carried placards bearing the slogans: "We call on the world's workers for support in our confrontation with U.S. imperialism"; "May the ties between the workers following the path of the imam grow in strength"; and "A nation owes its life to labor and workers."

According to a report, during the march toward the university the workers celebrated this day by chanting slogans such as "Thanks to the striving of the workers and the efforts of the farmers economic boycotts no longer have any effect." They also chanted selected passages from Imam Khomeyni's address.

According to this report, at 1000 the number of marchers en route to Tehran University reached its peak. Workers from various production units and other segments of the people marched to Tehran University in an orderly fashion, without any clashes.

According to the same report, at 1010, some 10,000 people marched from Darvazeh Bridge to Tehran University chanting the slogans "Should the imam give the order the nation would rise" and "He gives an ultimatium to the enemies within." In this way the marchers delivered powerful blows to the mouths of subservient minigroups.

Street Clashes

LD011248 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] While Tehran's revolutionary people were marching toward Tehran University from 10 city precincts, and while they were gathering at Tehran University and praising the role of the workers, a political group who had no prior permits for staging rallies and gatherings, as was previously determined, intended to assemble at Jomhuri-ye Eslami Square and in the southern parts of the city at 1030. However, thanks to the alertness of the people, this gathering did not take place, but it did lead to clashes in a number of areas.

According to a Central News Bureau correspondent, members of Peykar Fedai'yan-e Khalq went toward Jomhuri-ye Eslami Square at 0930. However, when they observed that the marchers, consisting of revolutionary men and women, were marching, they waited on pavements, around corners and in alleyways. Meanwhile, the Muslim marchers were marching in and around the square shouting slogans like: "Party, only God's party" [Hezbollah], "Only leader Ruhollah," "Hezbollah, Hezbollah, would die for Ruhollah," and "Hypocrite, hypocrite, we will make you homeless, Peykari, American [agents] we will make you homeless." Then, the people identified the suspicious members of the groups who had entered the square in order to disturb order. They arrested them and handed them over to the guards corps in the second precinct.

A number of Muslim people told our correspondent in Jomhuri-ye Eslami Square that in their statements Peykar and the minority faction of the fedai'yan-e had invited their supporters to assemble in that area. These statements reveal their premeditation in wanting to create disturbances and clashes. It had been obvious that they intended to cause disturbances on Workers Day. Moreover, they did not have a permit. We have come here and we shall not permit them to belittle the role of the workers with their submersion.

One of the second precinct guards corpsmen told our reporter that six Colt pistols, knives, a number of Molotov cocktails and a number of empty bottles which had been prepared for making Molotov cocktails were discovered on the arrested people. These were all seized by the people.

According to our correspondent, at (Qazvin) Street, the minority faction guerrillas, while shouting slogans against the Islamic Republic and calling for protection by the forces of the Islamic revolution against Iraq's aggression, based on a reactionary stand, were confronted by the people's opposition and a clash occurred. As a result, the committee officers entered the scene and by firing warning shots and tear gas, prevented the clash from spreading. At this time, a number of the guerrillas who had been hiding in shops and garages were arrested by the people and handed over to the committee officer.

AFP on Demonstration

NC011804 Paris AFP in English 1756 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] Tehran, 1 May (AFP)--Several (?dozen) people were injured here today when hundreds of Moslem religious extremists hurled stones at a May Day demonstration of about 50,000 organized by the Marxist-Leninist People's Fedai'yan.

Islamic security forces fired rounds into the air in attempts to disperse demonstrators.

The extremists, members of the Hezbollah Party of God, burned banners, cut loudspeaker wires and hurled stones at the demonstrators as their leaders denounced liberal policies.

Earlier several fedai'yan were arrested, tear gas was thrown and warning shots were fired when the communists tried to lead demonstrators into an area of southern Tehran without official authorization. A clandestine fedai'yan radio also broadcast slogans and communiques for about 1 hour.

Later thousands of supporters of the Islamic revolution and Iranian spiritual guide Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni gathered at the University of Tehran to hear calls for more work and less consumption in attempts to build a self-sufficient economy for the country.

Marchers Issue Resolution

LD011802 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 May 81

["Text" of resolution issued following Workers Day march in Tehran on 1 May; authors of resolution not identified]

[Text] 1. We, the workers, who above all owe our freedom, independence and Islamic Republic to the acts of leadership of our illustrious leader, Imam Khomeyni, once again express our support for the canonist ruler [velayat-e faqih] and the prophet-like person of the imam. To our last drop of blood we will continue our backing for the position of the canonist ruler and for the Islamic Republic of Iran, which brings glad tidings of the liberation of the world's oppressed and of a resurrection like that of the Messiah, may the exalted God hasten his esteemed coming!

2. Since the blood of 60,000 martyrs and 100,000 self-sacrificing fighters from our heroic, martyr-nurturing Islamic nation has watered the tree of our Islamic revolution, we, the workers, consider it our duty to consecreate all of our efforts and endeavors for our country's industrial production in order to perpetuate and increase the growth of the heritage of the martyrs. May we, with the solidarity of the other segments of the esteemed Iranian nation and with decreased consumption and greater economizing, achieve economic independence as soon as possible and attain self-sufficiency and thereby strike another blow against the empty shell of the supporters of both the East and West, and turn their last hopes into despondency.

3. We, the workers, who are part and parcel of the vast masses of the Muslim nation, condemn any slogan which seeks to destroy the unity of our Islamic nation. Just as past multifarious plots of the world's superpowers--particularly the world-devouring United States--against our Islamic revolution have been defeated, thanks to divine succor, the prophet-like leadership of the imam and the solidarity of our martyr-nurturing nation, we are confident that the recent satanic plots of the United States and its venal agents, such as the At-Ta'if conference, the plan for the Rapid Deployment Force and other schemes, will be frustrated through divine blessings and the efforts and vigilance of all segments of the people and of the revolutionary institutions. The United States cannot do a damn thing.

4. Now that we have achieved the blossoming of abilities and innovations thanks to our Islamic revolution, we support all our brother workers who have embarked on or are striving for innovations and initiatives. We thank the reconstruction crusade and other revolutionary institutions that have placed their resources at the disposal of these workers and we call on responsible government officials to do their utmost to place greater capabilities at the disposal of these worthy, creative brothers.

5. We, the workers, joining our voices with the other segments of the esteemed Iranian nation, condemn any collusive negotiations and imposed peace. We promise, in the same way in which we are currently engaged in our work and efforts to strengthen the sector behind the battlefront and the combatant forces at the behest of the imam, to stop work whenever the imam orders and march with the troops of Islam toward the battlefronts. We seek martyrdom and are the pupils and lovers of Imam Hosaeyn, the leader of the world martyrs, may peace be upon him.

6. In view of the fact that the imam has proclaimed this year as the year of law, we decisively call on all responsible state officials to do their utmost to implement the imam's 10-point message, which seeks to preserve calm and the rule of the law; to display decisiveness in confronting the recent clashes and riots fomented by the dissenting and harmful minigroups which publicize the East and West; to make the greatest effort to help the three-man committee for solving differences in its momentous task; to let them know that we will consider any irresponsible response to the decisions reached by this committee as a violation of the law and as a move toward sowing discord among the united ranks of the martyr-nurturing Islamic nation of Iran.

7. Today, on the anniversary of the martyrdom of the teacher and professor, Ayatollah Motawhhari--a great man who devoted his life to study and research and to writing his invaluable works for the exaltation of the formula of righteousness and the revival of genuine and pure Islamic values and foundations and of whom the imam graciously said: He was the fruit of my life--and on the anniversary of the day when criminal hands rolled this pure jewel in blood, we condemn this crime and other crimes perpetrated by the deviationist terrorist groups and beg to congratulate and condole with the holy Lord of the era [the hidden imam], his vicar, Imam Khomeyni, and Motahhari's dear family. We express our unwavering support for the genuine, committed and combatant clergy who have given and continue to give humanity such matchless personages.

8. Over 1 year has passed since the beginning of the cultural revolution. While supporting and backing the Command Council of the cultural revolution, which has been set up at the behest of the imam, we demand that it not be influenced by the climate of opinion and by the pressure of ill-intentioned individuals and forces. We demand that it continue its course of planning universities in accordance with Islamic standards and regulations and avail itself of and follow Islamic models such as Professor Motahhari. We, also, with the aim of continuing in his direction, have named the day of the martyrdom of Professor Motahhari as Teachers Day. We call on the teachers and pupils who believe in Iraq's [as heard] Isalmic revolution, to consolidate the solidarity of the front of Islam through strikes and demonstrations and to seek the destruction of the front of blasphemy.

9. Joining our voice with those of the other segments of the people we once again proclaim our support and appreciation for all the legal organs, revolutionary institutions and Islamic associations which are the guarantors and perpetuators of our Islamic revolution. We call on them, while paying heed to the guidelines and messages of the imam to step up their efforts and endeavors to implement the divine laws and to establish the rule of law.

10. We proclaim our support for and comradeship in arms with all the world liberation movements, including those in Afghanistan, Eritrea, the Philippines, Iraq and particularly our combatant Palestinian and Lebanese brothers and sisters who are also being subjected to the most barbarous assaults by reactionary forces and the plundering Zionists. We announce our support for the struggles of the freedom-loving people of Ireland in obtaining their independence.

11. We, the workers and other Muslim classes in Iran, extend our hand of brotherhood to Iraq's oppressed workers, soldiers and civil servants and lend our support for the overthrow of the blood-spilling and [word indistinct] Ba'thist regime.

We call on them to stop work and, with their strikes and demonstrations, aid the forces of the Army of the Islamic Republic, the revolution guards corps, the rest of our combatant forces and Iraq's valiant Muslim fighters in overthrowing the [word indistinct] and foreign and domestic plunderers in the region.

Communique on Security

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[Communique 239 issued by Tehran security headquarters to the citizens of Tehran--date of issue not given]

[Text] In His exalted name. It is with great pleasure that we announce our gratitude for the unity of the people, revolution organizations and the law enforcement personnel in maintaining calm and establishing law throughout the city. It is requested that you maintain your vigilance, as you have done so far, thus neutralizing any plot by the enemy fifth column in any corner with your awareness. Leave responsibility for maintaining security at lawful gatherings to the respective organizations, but inform the responsible authorities of the possibility of plotted attacks--which according to information received are carried out against such gatherings by seditious minigroups. Lawful activities approved and observed by the authorities of the Islamic Republic's Government are permissible.

FAKURI BRIEFS RAJA'I CABINET ON WAR SITUATION

GF041200 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 4 May 81

[Text] In today's meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Mohammed 'Ali Raja'i, the Cabinet heard a report presented by Colonel Fakuri, the defense miniter and commander of the air force, on operations carried out by Islam's valiant soldiers in a bid to regain the Bazi Deraz mountains and on the effects of these operations on enemy morale. In his report, Colonel Fakuri spoke of the Islamic forces' complete readiness and full coordination and also noted that the Iraqi aggressive forces are suffering from disunity.

Also at today's meeting, the Cabinet approved the allocation of 60 million rials for construction of needed installations in Hormozegan Province.

RAJA'I CHAIRS MAY 3 SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION

LD031700 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports that this afternoon this country's Security Council held a session chaired by Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i at his office. Security matters in Western Azarbayjan were discussed at this meeting, which was attended by the interior minister, the commander of the guards corps, the acting commander of the ground forces, the managing director of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Hojjat ol-Eslam Eshraqi. The 3-hour session ended at 1700.

RAJA'I MEETS WITH POLICE OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL

LD031814 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] According to a Central News Bureau report, a number of members of the police force, accompanied by the head of the country's police force and head of the antidrug squad, met Prime Minister Mr Raja'i this afternoon.

In this meeting, which was also attended by Mr Mahdavi-Kani, the minister of interior, a number of brothers from the police gave a report to the prime minister about their investigations and activities. Then, in a short speech Mr Raja'i praised the self-sacrifice of the police personnel and said: God has provided us with the opportunity to engage in devotion and self-sacrifice in the service of the people and for the sake of the realization of the goals of our nation. The prime minister added: In the years before the revolution there was a gap between the security forces and the people. God has provided the police, the armed forces and the civilians with the opportunity to all defend the same ideal and have the same goal. At the end, Mr Raja'i said: These services, which have no motive except the love of God, will have the greatest rewards in this republic where the people make so many sacrifices, namely, the satisfaction of God.

JOINT SECURITY, JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD

LD031124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] According to a Central News Bureau report, a joint session of the Security Council and the Supreme Judicial Council was held this morning in the Justice Ministry with the participation of President of the Supreme Court Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, Prime Minister Raja'i, Public Prosecutor General Musavi Ardabili, Interior Minister Mahdavi-Kani, Minister of State for Executive Affairs Behzad Nabavi, Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Commander Morteza Reza'i, Gendarmerie Commander Colonel Foruzan, and Tehran Police Chief Colonel Dastgerdi. The country's internal security, particularly Tehran's security, was discussed and reviewed. The meeting, which lasted more than 5 hours, ended at noon today.

MAJLIS APPROVES BILL TO RECOVER SHAH'S WEALTH

LD031235 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 May 81

[Excerpts] The Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open meeting at 0800 today under the chairmanship of Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani and with the participation of members of the Council of Guardians.

Today's Majlis meeting debated a bill on recovering the wealth of the deceased shah and his close relatives and, following a number of speeches by deputies for and against the bill, it was approved in broad terms. Afterward, some proposals made by deputies were read and discussed. Then a proposal offered by a deputy to put the bill in abeyance for 1 month was discussed and subsequently passed.

COUNTRIES AIDING IRAQ SCORED IN MAJLIS SPEECH

LD031226 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 3 May 81

[Excerpt] In a preagenda speech in today's Majlis session, Seyyed Ahmad Zarkhani, the deputy for Dezful, said: During the past 2 weeks, once again three [word indistinct] but different developments emerged in various parts of our country. These three desirable and undesirable developments are: the heightening of internal strife and political pressure in various towns by the superpowers' agents and by offending and self-motivated strata; the impressive victories, inspired by divine blessings, on various battlefronts of Islam against infidels and global oppressors as well as preparations to rub the arch-Satan's nose in the dust; and, finally, the explosion, destruction and demolition of residential areas and civilian sectors in various towns of Khuzestan and the western part of the country, particularly the successive bombing of the hero-nurturing Dezful.

Continuing his speech in the Majlis, he added: Saddam and the superpowers are making a mistake, for they can neither destroy the foundation of the system consolidated in Iran through God's will nor can they bring our people to their knees through economic boycott and political, social and diplomatic pressure.

The point is that even if half of such a burden and back-breaking pressure were to be applied to any material revolution, it would have been turned into a counterrevolution, destroying itself on its own, thus fulfilling the imperialists' wish. However, since our revolution's protector is God Almighty and since our people are still treading along the straight path together with their esteemed imam, this revolution has remained safe, while moving along its evolutionary course.

He added: The Muslim inhabitants of Dezful, just like other defenders on the battlefronts, are terribly disappointed with and complain against international circles and the parliaments of prominent countries that have remained silent in the face of the crimes committed by their governments in their overt and covert support for the aggressive Iraqi troops. It was not long after the delivery of Mirage fighters by the so-called peace-loving France to Iraq that one read in papers that the Soviet leader sent a congratulatory message to Comrade Saddam on the 12th anniversary of the Soviet-Iraq friendship treaty. Even more dangerous is the shipment of surface-to-surface missiles by West Germany to Iraq in recent days. If the Bundestag fails to censure the government for this betrayal, then history and the wailing of the oppressed people will censure the Bundestag.

He continued: The least we expect is for those alert German parliamentarians, those who through their humanitarian and peace-loving motivation have had access to the Inter-parliamentary Union, to raise their voice in protest against this obvious crime committed by Germany and resist this unpropitious act and their government's international law [as heard].

SPEAKER, PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL DISCUSS LEBANON

LD201726 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports this evening that the Palestinian charge d'affaires in Iran conferred today with Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Majlis, in the Majlis building.

At this meeting the Palestinian charge d'affaires, while discussing the present situation in Lebanon, revealed a plot hatched by the United States, with the help of Israel and the Phalangists, to crush the Palestinian resistance movement and the Muslims. He delivered a message from Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO leader, concerning this plot.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani, expressing his grief over the inhuman bombing of southern Lebanon by Zionists, said: It seems that America, once it realized that it had lost its important base in Iran, decided to concentrate all of its power to compensate for this historic defeat. Now, having gained the support of most reactionary Arab countries, it is busy pounding the progressive Muslim forces. The reactionary Arab countries are looking at this conspiracy with satisfaction and happiness.

He added: We should ask and warn these nations to exert pressure on their governments and not allow America, which has created the present imposed war between Iran and Iraq, to consolidate its position in the region and crush the Muslims.

MONTAZERI, AYATOLLAHS MEET BAZAAR MERCHANTS

LD021312 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] According to a Central News Bureau dispatch, the members of the Islamic association of the cloth traders guild of the Tehran bazaar met Their Great Eminences Ayatollahs Golpayegani, Mar'ashi Najafi and Montazeri in Qom this morning, on the occasion of the martyrdom of Professor Motahhari.

During this meeting His Great Eminence Golpayegani, referring to the dangers threatening the revolution and the Islamic Republic, said: Now, too, the infidels are preparing to turn Iran into one of their colonies, and within the country certain people are continuing their activities in sympathy with them. He then added that a group of young people, too, have embarked on interpreting the Koran and the traditions in accordance with their personal whims and are disseminating their own interpretations. I expect you not to transgress against the line of Islam so that, God willing, with our unity and concord we might be able to guide this Islamic Republic toward its genuine goal.

According to this dispatch, in the course of this meeting Ayatollah Montazeri, referring to the influence of Iran's Islamic revolution on other countries in the world, said that we ourselves are not aware of the importance of the work which we have accomplished. When you see Iraq being provoked against Iran, when Saudi Arabia buys AWACS aircraft from the United States and when other countries in the region are being mobilized, this is indicative of how much the heads of those countries are terrified by the misfortune which befell Iran's 2,500-year old despotic regime and when we hear that the workers in northern Ireland, too, have been inspired by the Iranian revolution, this demonstrates this revolution's profound and extensive influence on the countries of the world. My brothers and sisters, know that with this revolution you have given the world a great lesson.

Ayatollah Montazeri added that what is even more important than demolishing the edifice of despotism is postrevolutionary construction. The responsibilities and tasks are much more difficult since the intention and aim is to apply Islam in Iran and in all the countries in the world. I recommend that all remain patient and forebearing in their battle against evil and seek the succor of Almighty God.

MONTAZERI CONFERS WITH KHORASAN GOVERNOR GENERAL

LD011354 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, Mr (Qaffuri), the governor general of Khorasan, met and conferred with Ayatollah Montazeri in Qom this morning.

During this meeting, the governor general of Khorasan assured Ayatollah Montazeri, on behalf of the ulema and clergymen of Mashhad, that following the imam's warning the necessary steps have been taken to foil the evil plots of the divisive elements, especially in the Mashhad seminary. He said that with the utmost alertness, the clergymen of Mashhad seminary have foiled and will foil their plots.

Also at this meeting, discussions were held on the general situation in Khorasan Province. Ayatollah Montazeri made recommendations concerning an appraisal of the condition of the Sunni brothers who live in [words indistinct] in this province.

MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ PAPER CASTIGATES BEHESHTI

WA041310 Tehran MOJAHED in Persian 9 Apr 81 p 3

[Text] As you know, the trial of Mr Amir Entezam, accused of contacts with the Americans, has been underway since the end of last winter. But the surprising point, and at the same time the unavoidable question, is: How come none of the first-rate offenders and those accused of this type of contacts with the leaders of CIA and Pentagon are not brought to trial in this court? Is there anyone who is not aware of the fact that His Excellency Beheshti, who is one of the most notorious figures among the government officials in Iran, has had secret wheeling and dealing with the leaders of the CIA and Pentagon long before and much more than Mr Amir Entezam?!

And more so, this was not only during the time when the destiny of this oppressed nation was being determined by people like him, but also for a long time and prior to the uprising, when imperialism found it necessary to make its desired deals with Beheshti for the purpose of a smooth transfer of the Iranian Government through people like him.

Yes, these facts are quite known to everyone. It is an undeniable fact that if there were really supposed to be a trial court to investigate the past records of those individuals who have had contacts with CIA agents and other instruments of imperialism, unlike the trial court of Amir Entezam, Beheshti would have definitely been present there as one of the first-rate criminals and offenders.

Aside from the fact that Beheshti's contacts and arrangements with people like General Huyser are not his only flagrant crime, and forgetting about his obvious and determining role in all the crimes perpetrated against this great nation and its revolutionary forerunners during the last 2 years, the glorious past record of his excellency must be scrutinized and closely investigated, including the time when he was sent to Hamburg by the treacherous shah.

Anyway, the matter to be repeated in this brief is that the seat of Beheshti, the first-rate criminal, is vacant in Amir Entezam's trial.

THREE OFFICIALS OF FORMER REGIME ON TRIAL

LD021030 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0700 GMT 2 May 81

[Unnumbered statement of the Central Province revolutionary prosecutor's office]

[Text] The heroic Islamic nation of Iran is hereby informed of the trial of three agents of the former hateful regime. These are Arfa' ad-Din Moshrefi, the son of 'Abd al-'Aziz, who was a member of the military tribunals of the former regime and instrumental in the conviction of the Islamic Aba Zar group in Nahavand; Retired Col Abolqasem Zinati, the son of Hoseyn, who was a judge in military tribunals from 1962 until the victory of the Islamic revolution and from 8 September 1978 was the president of military tribunals in Tehran District; and Retired Col Jahangir Qaviruh, the son of Soltan 'Ali, who was the public prosecutor in ordinary military courts and in military courts of appeal from 1971 until the victory of the Islamic revolution.

The said individuals are accused of basely passing the death sentence on struggling Muslim youth who opposed the despotism, oppression and blasphemy which prevailed in the former malevolent regime.

The trial is due to begin at 1400 today, Saturday 2 May, in section two of the Central Province Islamic Revolution Court in Evin Prison. All plaintiffs and their witnesses are hereby invited to come to the Islamic revolution's public prosecutor's office at the appointed hour, bringing with them their identity cards.

OFFICER LINKED TO 'BLACK FRIDAY' DEATHS ARRESTED

NC030800 Paris AFP in English 0750 GMT 3 May 81

[Text] Tehran, 3 May (AFP)--An army officer allegedly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of demonstrators protesting against the rule of the shah on "Black Friday" of September 1978 in Tehran, has been arrested, the daily ISLAMIC REPUBLIC reported today.

The paper said that Lieutenant-Colonel Ezatollah Sepanji was a deputy commander of the Imperial Guard and had given the order to the troops to fire on the demonstrators. Up to the revolution he was a divisional commander and had taken part in other repression, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC added, but gave no details of the circumstances of his arrest.

The official death toll in the incidents of September 8, 1978, was 110, but one parliamentary source said the real figure was almost 3,000.

IRANIAN DEFECTOR EXECUTED IN DEZFUL 2 MAY

GF031633 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 3 May 81

[Communique issued by the Public Relations Office of the Dezful Islamic Revolution Court--date not given]

[Text] In His exalted name. Following the start of the imposed war, a number of feudals and sheykhs, who lost the opportunity for looting, plundering and bullying people after the establishment of the government of Islamic justice, fled the country and went to Iraq, and with the help of political defectors and ex-Savakists started plotting against the Islamic revolution in Iran. In this connection, Hoseyn Farajollah (Sha'b), son of Sheykh (Mabtan) and one of the defectors who became an agent of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, was found guilty by the Dezful Islamic Revolution Court of the following crimes:

1. Leaving the country without permission and joining the defectors and the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries.

2. Being a member of the so-called Khuzestan Liberation Movement.

3. Receiving training in sabotage and terrorism and receiving training in the political ideology of the Ba'th Party in Iraq.

4. Attacking Dehloran, reconnoitering the region and opening fire on Islamic forces.

5. Receiving Kalashnikov rifles, explosives and RPG-7's from Iracis to carry out operations.

6. Participating in an abortive attempt to blow up a train.

The accused was tried by the Dezful Islamic Revolution Court and was found guilty of waging war against God and His prophet and was sentenced to death. Following the approval of the Qom High Court the sentence was carried at 2200 on 2 May 1981.

SEVEN IRANIANS EXECUTED AS SPIES IN KHUZESTAN

NC021908 Paris AFP in English 1752 GMT 2 May 81

[Excerpt] Tehran, 2 May (AFP)--Seven Iranians accused of spying for Iraq have been shot in the southwestern Province of Khuzestan since the Iranian-Iraqi war erupted last September, the newspaper KEYHAN reported here today.

The newspaper, citing the revolutionary prosecutor of Abadan, said that six other inhabitants of the province are under death sentence for espionage. The sentences have not yet been confirmed by the superior council of justice.

According to the newspaper, the prosecutor also said that residents of the province had dealt out summary justice to many "professional looters" caught ransacking houses abandoned by war refugees.

AFP: OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS LODGED AGAINST PAPERS

NC021127 Paris AFP in English 1103 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] Tehran, 2 May (AFP)--Iranian Public Prosecutor Ayatollah 'Ali Qoddusi has laid complaints against two Iranian daily papers, according to a report today in a third paper, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC published by the country's majority party.

The two, the report said, were ISLAMIC REVOLUTION, founded by President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, and MIZAN, which has liberal views.

Ayatollah Qoddusi had accused ISLAMIC REVOLUTION of "weakening revolutionary organs" and asked authorities, especially the tripartite commission for settling disputes between political leaders, to inquire into its affairs.

His complaint against MIZAN, the report said, related to a "false" report of an alleged insult by a revolutionary guard directed at former government spokesman Abbas Amir Entezam, currently on trial on spy charges.

In the case of ISLAMIC REVOLUTION, founded by President Bani-Sadr, Ayatollah Qoddusi complained that it had published a telegram from the association of Iranian jurists demanding "satisfaction as quickly as possible of the just demands of the political prisoners in Evin jail," the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC said.

Ayatollah Qoddusi denied that Evin held any political prisoners, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC reported, though according to the telegram the prisoners had been on hunger strike for three weeks and some of them were "in a critical state."

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUES 489-491

489: Military Activities

LD011747 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 May 81

[Communique 489 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. At 0600, as a result of an offensive launched by the combatants of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a sensitive area on the Dezful front was captured by our heroes. During these operations, which included hand-to-hand combat, four tanks, two personnel carriers and an ammunition-carrying vehicle belonging to the enemy were completely destroyed. Sixty of Saddam's mercenaries were killed and about 100 injured. In addition the victorious army of Islam captured 39 of the invaders.

Yesterday, due to our fighting units' fire on enemy positions in Al-Faw, Al-Mu'amir and Seybah, one military vehicle and a radio [as heard] belonging to the Iraqi Army were destroyed and a large quantity of ammunition in these places was set on fire. On the Abadan front our forces opened fire on enemy positions and personnel, as a result of which two collective entrenchments and a fuel tank of the invading army were destroyed. In return, the mercenary enemy opened fire on residential districts in Abadan and inflicted some damage on our compatriots in this city. Yesterday, on one of the Ilam fronts, the enemy opened artillery fire on our forces and was confronted with a severe response by the units stationed on that front. No exact figures on the damages and losses sustained by the enemy in these operations are available.

Last night, in the Malekshahi region of the border province of Ilam, Saddam's armed forces intended to advance but, being confronted by the fire of our champion forces and having sustained casualties and losses, their movement was stopped and the invaders used the cover of darkness to disperse. As a result of a confrontation between our forces and that of the enemy in Malekshahi heights, five of the Iraqi soldiers' collective trenches and one ammunition dump were destroyed.

During the past 24 hours several Iraqi aggressive planes that had violated the southern airspace of our country were forced to flee by our antiaircraft batteries.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

490: Fighting, Casualties

LD021750 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 May 81

[Communique 490 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Struggling Muslim compatriots of Iran: The developments at the battlefronts in the last 24 hours are hereby brought to your attention:

This morning our combatant heroes hit two invading enemy planes with their antiaircraft defense battery, as a result of which one of the planes crashed and its pilot was killed. We have no information regarding the second plane, which has most probably crashed by now.

In the last 24 hours the exchanges of fire between the defenders of the Islamic revolution of Iran and the enemy have continued on the country's western and southern fronts. On the Abadan front the brave combatants of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran destroyed with their artillery and mortar fire several trenches and foxholes, several machineguns and RPG-7 positions, and one ammunition depot of the enemy and set fire to the Al-Faw oil installation in Iraq. As on previous days, the Iraqi invaders opened fire today on residential areas in Abadan, damaging some houses.

In the Farsiat region near Ahvaz, the sacrificial soldiers of Islam destroyed one vehicle of the Iraqi aggressors, killing or wounding its occupants.

In Gilan-e Gharb, enemy attacks were repelled by the mortar fire of the forces of Islam; three trenches of the aggressors were destroyed and a number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or injured.

In the border region of Marivan, the selfless forces of Islam opened artillery fire on enemy positions in the Panjwin region in Iraq, destroying 10 trenches and inflicting considerable damage on Iraqi forces.

Yesterday our vigilant heroes foiled with their air defense an attack by several Iraqi planes on our country's southern cities, forcing them to flee.

On 29 April all along the fronts of the war between right and falsehood 19 of our military brothers from the Ground Forces and 2 from the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran were martyred while defending the Islamic homeland of Iran. Also yesterday, 1 May, one Iraqi soldier sought asylum with the army of Islam in the Dezful region and was welcomed.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

491: Battles in West, South

LD031756 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 May 81

[Communique 491 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. In the past 24 hours the self-sacrificing soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran continued to oppose the attacks by the aggressor mercenaries of Saddam's army in the western and southern fronts of the country. The following are some of their activities which we announce for the information of the dear compatriots:

Exchanges of artillery, mortar and other heavy weapon fire continued sporadically in the majority of western and southern fronts. Our positions in Marivan came under an attack yesterday by two of the Iraqi aggressor aircraft. Due to the awareness and timely use of antiaircraft fire by the ground forces, one of the enemy aircraft was shot down at 1540 inside Iraq, crashing near (Dalam) village.

The zealous air force pilots bombed positions and armored units of Saddam's army yesterday on the Qasr-e Shirin fronts, inflicting considerable losses on Saddam's mercenaries. There is no accurate information as yet concerning the extent of the damage suffered by the enemy.

Following a series of successful operations by the ground forces on fronts west of Dezful the mercenaries of Saddam's army retaliated by putting our positions under heavy fire. They started advancing with the aid of artillery and tank units. However our brave and self-sacrificing fighters halted the advance of Saddam's forces as soon as it started and forced them to retreat. During the retreat, five tanks and one enemy personnel carrier were destroyed. A number of Saddam's forces were killed or wounded. In another front west of Dezful, the ground forces using artillery and heavy weapon fire against enemy positions killed or wounded over 10.

On the Chaghalvand front, the heavy weapon fire of the brave fighters of the gendarmerie destroyed an enemy ammunition tent and a number of trenches, killing personnel of Saddam's aggressive army.

On the Abadan fronts, the fighters of the armed forces answered Iraqi fire and brought their positions under artillery and mortar fire. As a result, three positions, two observation posts, a number of trenches and foxholes and several RPG-7 mercenary positions were destroyed and three ammunition dumps were set on fire.

The brave naval men in their operations yesterday in the Khuninshahr area also brought the positions of Saddam at-Tikriti's mercenary forces under fire and destroyed an ammunition dump, an assembly point and a trench.

The city of Abadan was under enemy artillery and [words indistinct] enemy weapons as before. Some residential areas were damaged and some of our dear compatriots were martyred or injured.

A number of aggressive aircraft of Saddam's army tried to violate the airspace of five southern cities, but were faced with a concentration of antiaircraft fire by our forces and fled.

In the 30 April and 1 May operations, 11 fighters of the ground forces were martyred. May their souls rest in peace and their memory be cherished.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

CLANDESTINE RADIOS ON MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

Voice of Iran

NC022216 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 2 May 81

[Text] In the (?massive) demonstrations in Tehran yesterday at least 6 were killed and more than 500 injured people were taken to hospitals.

One of our correspondents reports that the hospitalization of those injured yesterday led to fresh clashes. Groups of armed Hezbollahis gathered in front of hospitals and prevented the hospitalization of those wounded in the May Day clashes. This resulted in bloody clashes near the hospitals between family members of the injured and the Hezbollahis. In the end, the people were forced to take their injured to homes or private hospitals. The number of people arrested during yesterday's incidents is still not knwon, but it is estimated at about 1,500 people, most of whom are imprisoned in revolution guards' (?corps centers).

Even though yesterday's May Day demonstrations were held with the written permission of the Tehran regime's officials, about 5,000 Hezbollahis supported by armed men of the revolution guards corps suddenly attacked and (?injured) the demonstrators.

A spokesman for the workers who demonstrated on May Day in Tehran told one of our correspondents that permission for these demonstrations was merely a (?trick used) by the regime to avenge itself for Monday's incidents.

It is said that some of the injured people [words indistinct] who had gone to public hospitals for out-patient treatment have not been allowed to leave and are imprisoned in the hospitals. Officials of the regime have not allowed the radio, television or press to report on the demonstrations. (?However), the mass media of other countries have published (?detailed) reports on the May Day clashes in Tehran.

Radio Iran

NC011703 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 1 May 81

[Excerpt] On May Day, International Workers Day, demonstrations were held in Iranian cities. Reports received thus far indicate that in Mashhad, Tabriz, Shiraz and some other cities anti-Khomeyni demonstrations took place and that clashes also broke out between the people and revolution guards.

In many cities the people joined the ranks of the unemployed and chanted antiregime slogans. Among the slogans used by the people and unemployed workers were "Death to Khomeyni, the reason for this republic," or "The result of the republic--unemployment and destruction."

RADIO IRAN REPORTS ON BAKHTIAR MAY DAY MESSAGE

NC011620 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] On the occasion of May Day, Dr Shahpur Bakhtiar, leader of the National Resistance Movement of Iran, has sent a message to Iranian workers.

In this message Shahpur Bakhtiar says: I deeply regret having to send a message to the zealous Iranian workers when factories are closed, workers are unemployed, and poverty and disease--fruits of the wrong economic policies--can be seen throughout the country.

In his message, while expressing wishes for the health and happiness of the workers and their families, Dr Bakhtiar says: Looking forward to the day when, instead of the deadly sounds of the bullets of the executioner and the siren of danger, the whistle of factories can be heard, the country's wheels of economy can start operating and work, movement and motion can replace this deadly silence.

RADIO IRAN ON KHOMEYNI ANTI-ARMENIAN STANCE

NC011738 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 1 May 81

[Text] Following the policy of the Islamic Republic on the crushing and harassment of religious minorities, the mercenary revolution guards, in continuation of their attacks on the Armenians of Esfahan, attacked some of them yesterday as well. Reports from Esfahan indicate that yesterday, a large number of Hezbollahis, supported by the revolution guards, attacked Armenians in Esfahan, injuring a number of them.

A clandestine organization calling itself the Secret Army of the Armenians has warned Khomeyni to release innocent Armenians from his prisons as soon as possible. Reports state that the Secret Army of the Armenians, in a statement issued in Beirut yesterday morning, has warned officials of the Islamic regime to stop the killing and harassment of religious minorities immediately and to release, as soon as possible, Armenians who have been imprisoned only because they are Christians. In this statement, special reference is made to the increase in the regime's recent harsh acts against the Armenians. It has been reiterated that Khomeyni's regime arrested and imprisoned many Armenians during the demonstrations last Thursday in front of the Turkish Embassy in Tehran. The Secret Armenian Army also refers to the savage attacks by the revolution guards and Hezbollahis in Esfahan and warns Khomeyni that if these inhuman and fascist acts are not ended immediately he will have to bear the consequences.

VOICE OF IRAN ON BAKHTIAR INTERVIEW WITH PAYAM

NC021454 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 29 Apr 81

[Excerpts of London-based Persian-language PAYAM weekly's exclusive interview with Bakhtiar--date and place not given]

[Excerpts] In the beginning of the interview PAYAM asked Dr Bakhtiar: The question of the day for patriots is how can Iran be regained. As a national leader, what answer do you have?

Dr Bakhtiar replies: Unity in leadership; unity in national forces; (?by gathering) these forces and coordinating the dispersed struggles in Iran. This is the definite way to move toward victory against the regime's mullahs. The more clearsighted the leadership of such a united opposition is, the less time and strength will be required for Iran's liberation. This is the path that the National Resistance Movement of Iran--a movement that is trying to fulfill national ideals--has adopted.

PAYAM asks: Given that almost everything has been upset, if the national forces achieve victory, how long will it take to reconstruct Iran's economy and industry?

Dr Bakhtiar replies: (?We should stop the waste and) bear in mind the country's financial possibilities. At any rate, reconstruction needs an estimation of losses, financial possibilities and priorities, which will be determined in the period of reconstruction. Our country was so rich that once the tyrannical regime is overthrown experienced patriotic experts can very well place the country on a normal course within a logical period of time.